



Proclamation

Presented to the

Hawai'i Centers for Independent Living

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Centers for Independent Living (HCIL) is a private non-profit organization that serves and empowers people of any age with any type of disability to live independently; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Centers for Independent Living (HCIL) assists individuals with disabilities establish goals for greater self-sufficiency and help them realize their personal strengths and capacities instead of solely focusing on their limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Centers for Independent Living (HCIL) provides direct services to over 1,500 individuals with disabilities and assists over 2,000 individuals with information in our local communities each year; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Centers for Independent Living (HCIL) programs include housing information and referral services, peer networking, individual advocacy, independent living skills training and systems advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Centers for Independent Living (HCIL) is the only center for independent living in our State; continues to be unique among service providers by practicing consumer control, eligibility requirements represent a "cross-disability" approach and a wide range of services provided to meet the various needs for individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Centers for Independent Living (HCIL) will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary on June 15, 2011 under the leadership of the Board of Directors, Executive Director, M. J. Kimo Keawe and the Center's dedicated Independent Living Specialists and staff;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2011 as

"HAWAII CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the accomplishments the Hawai'i Centers for Independent Living has contributed to our local communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixth day of June, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i